

CROSS REFERENCES

Definition of United States as used in this section, see section 408a of this title.

False statement in application and use of passport, penalty, see section 1542 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

Letters or writings nonmailable, see section 1717 of Title 18.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 408a of this title.

§ 214. Fees for execution and issuance of passports; persons excused from payment

There shall be collected and paid into the Treasury of the United States a fee, prescribed by the Secretary of State by regulation, for each passport issued and a fee, prescribed by the Secretary of State by regulation, for executing each application for a passport; except that the Secretary of State may by regulation authorize State officials or the United States Postal Service to collect and retain the execution fee for each application for a passport accepted by such officials or by that Service. No passport fee shall be collected from an officer or employee of the United States proceeding abroad in the discharge of official duties, or from members of his immediate family; from an American seaman who requires a passport in connection with his duties aboard an American flag-vessel; or from a widow, child, parent, brother, or sister of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member. No execution fee shall be collected for an application made before a Federal official by a person excused from payment of the passport fee under this section.

(June 4, 1920, ch. 223, § 1, 41 Stat. 750; Feb. 10, 1956, ch. 31, 70 Stat. 11; July 26, 1968, Pub. L. 90-428, § 2, 82 Stat. 446; May 14, 1971, Pub. L. 92-14, § 1, 85 Stat. 38; Sept. 17, 1974, Pub. L. 93-417, 88 Stat. 1151; Aug. 24, 1982, Pub. L. 97-241, title I, § 116(a), 96 Stat. 279; Sept. 30, 1996, Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(a) [title IV, § 407], 110 Stat. 3009, 3009-55.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-208 inserted “; except that the Secretary of State may by regulation authorize State officials or the United States Postal Service to collect and retain the execution fee for each application for a passport accepted by such officials or by that Service” before period at end of first sentence and struck out after first sentence “Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to limit the right of the Secretary of State by regulation (1) to authorize State officials to collect and retain the execution fee, or (2) to transfer to the United States Postal Service the execution fee for each application accepted by that Service.”

1982—Pub. L. 97-241 substituted provision that the Secretary of State prescribe by regulation the fee for passports for provision that a fee of \$10 be charged for each passport and that the fees be collected and paid into the Treasury quarterly.

1974—Pub. L. 93-417 substituted provisions authorizing the Secretary of State to prescribe fees for execution of applications for passports by regulation for provisions prescribing a fixed fee of \$2, substituted “United States Postal Service” for “Postal Service”, and struck out references to the fee of \$2 in the proviso relating to the rights of the Secretary of State.

1971—Pub. L. 92-14 authorized the United States Postal Service to receive the fee of \$2 for execution of an application for a passport.

1968—Pub. L. 90-428 increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 and from \$9.00 to \$10.00, respectively, the fees for the execution and the issuance of passports, struck out “to a citizen or person owing allegiance to or entitled to the protection of the United States” after “for each passport issued”, restricted the exemption for seamen to American seamen requiring a passport in connection with duties aboard an American flag-vessel, and inserted provision excusing a person exempted from a passport fee from paying an execution fee.

1956—Act Feb. 10, 1956, increased from \$1 to \$2 the fee for executing passport applications, and reworded authorization of State officials to collect and retain \$2 fee.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATE OF 1971 AMENDMENT

Section 2 of Pub. L. 92-14, as amended by Pub. L. 93-126, § 8, Oct. 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 453, provided that: “The amendment made by this Act [amending this section] shall become effective on the date of enactment [May 14, 1971] and shall continue in effect until June 30, 1974.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-428 effective on thirtieth day following July 26, 1968, see section 4 of Pub. L. 90-428, set out as a note under section 217a of this title.

DEPOSIT OF RECEIPTS FROM EXPEDITED PASSPORT PROCESSING

Pub. L. 103-317, title V, Aug. 26, 1994, 108 Stat. 1760, provided in part “That hereafter all receipts received from a new charge from expedited passport processing shall be deposited in this account as an offsetting collection and shall be available until expended”.

INFORMATION FROM UNITED STATES PASSPORTS

Pub. L. 101-604, title II, § 203(d), Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3083, provided that: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to the extent provided in appropriation Acts, for each fiscal year not more than \$5,000,000 in passport fees collected by the Department of State may be credited to a Department of State account. Amounts credited to such account shall be available only for the costs associated with the acquisition and production of machine-readable United States passports and visas and compatible reading equipment. Amounts credited to such account are authorized to remain available until expended.”

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Red Cross employees cooperating with and assisting armed forces, exemption from payment of fee, see section 2602 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 214a, 2504 of this title.

§ 214a. Fees erroneously charged and paid; refund

Whenever a fee is erroneously charged and paid for the issue of a passport to a person who is exempted from the payment of such a fee by section 214 of this title, the Department of State is authorized to refund to the person who paid such fee the amount thereof, and the money for that purpose is authorized to be appropriated.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 772, § 3, 44 Stat. 887.)

CERTAIN APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS ABOLISHED

Effective July 1, 1935, enumerated appropriation accounts appearing on the books of the Government were abolished and in lieu thereof there was established an account to be designated “Refund of Moneys Erroneously

neously Received and Covered.” See section 1322 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

§ 215. Omitted

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Section, act June 4, 1920, ch. 223, § 2, 41 Stat. 750, provided for fees of \$1 for each application for a visa and \$9 for each visa. It was superseded by sections 2(h) and 7(h) of the Immigration Act of 1924 (act May 26, 1924, ch. 190, 43 Stat. 154, 157) which provided for fees in the same amounts. The 1924 Act was repealed by section 403(a)(23) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (act June 27, 1952, ch. 477, 66 Stat. 279). See section 1351 of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality, and section 9701 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

§ 216. Return of fees on refusal to visé

Whenever the appropriate officer within the United States of any foreign country refuses to visé a passport issued by the United States, the Department of State is authorized upon request in writing and the return of the unused passport within six months from the date of issue to refund to the person to whom the passport was issued the fees which have been paid to Federal officials, and the money for that purpose is appropriated and directed to be paid upon the order of the Secretary of State.

(June 4, 1920, ch. 223, § 4, 41 Stat. 751.)

§ 217. Repealed. July 3, 1926, ch. 772, § 4, 44 Stat. 887

Section, act June 4, 1920, ch. 223, § 3, 41 Stat. 751, limited time as to validity of passport or visé. See section 217a of this title.

§ 217a. Validity of passport; limitation of time

A passport shall be valid for a period of ten years from the date of issue, except that the Secretary of State may limit the validity of a passport to a period of less than ten years in an individual case or on a general basis pursuant to regulation.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 772, § 2, 44 Stat. 887; July 1, 1930, ch. 782, 46 Stat. 839; May 16, 1932, ch. 187, 47 Stat. 157; Sept. 14, 1959, Pub. L. 86-267, 73 Stat. 552; July 26, 1968, Pub. L. 90-428, § 1, 82 Stat. 446; Aug. 24, 1982, Pub. L. 97-241, title I, § 116(b)(1), 96 Stat. 279.)

AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-241 substituted provision that a passport be valid for a period of ten years from issuance and that the Secretary of State could limit the period to less than ten years in an individual case or on a general basis by regulation for provision that a passport be limited to a period of not more than five years, that the Secretary of State could limit the passport to a shorter period, and that a valid passport outstanding as of the effective date of Pub. L. 90-428 be valid for a period of five years from the date of issue, except where such passport was limited to a shorter period by the Secretary.

1968—Pub. L. 90-428 substituted provisions that passport be limited to a period of not more than five years, though the Secretary of State may limit it to a shorter period and provisions as to the length of validity of passports outstanding as of the effective date of Pub. L. 90-428 for provisions that a passport or passport visa be limited to a period of three years, that a passport be renewed pursuant to regulations of the Secretary for a period not to exceed two years, provided that the final

date of expiration not be more than five years from the original date of issue, that the Secretary be authorized to limit the validity of a passport, passport visa, or period of renewal of a passport to less than two years, and that the charge for the issue of an original passport be \$9.00 and the charge for the renewal be \$5.00.

1959—Pub. L. 86-267 substituted “three years” for “two years”, and “five years” for “four years”.

1932—Act May 16, 1932, among other changes, increased payment for renewals from \$2 to \$5, for issue of original passport from \$5 to \$9, and restored final expiration date of renewal passport to four years from six-year period.

1930—Act July 1, 1930, among other changes, provided for \$2 payment for renewal of passport, \$5 payment for issue of an original passport, and changed from four to six years the final expiration date of renewal passport.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Section 116(b)(2) of Pub. L. 97-241 provided that: “The amendment made by this subsection [amending this section] applies with respect to passports issued after the date of enactment of this Act [Aug. 24, 1982].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Section 4 of Pub. L. 90-428 provided that: “This Act [amending this section and sections 213 and 214 of this title] shall take effect on the thirtieth day following the date of its enactment [July 26, 1968].”

§ 218. Returns as to passports issued, etc.

All persons who shall be authorized to grant, issue, or verify passports, shall make return of the same to the Secretary of State, in such manner and as often as he shall require; and such returns shall specify the names and all other particulars of the persons to whom the same shall be granted, issued, or verified, as embraced in such passport.

(R.S. § 4077.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 4077 derived from act May 30, 1866, ch. 102, 14 Stat. 54.

§§ 219 to 222. Repealed. June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 21, 62 Stat. 862, eff. Sept. 1, 1948

Section 219, R.S. § 4078; act June 14, 1902, ch. 1088, § 3, 32 Stat. 386, related to issuance of false passports. See section 1541 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

Section 220, acts June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title IX, § 2, 40 Stat. 227; Mar. 28, 1940, ch. 72, § 7, 54 Stat. 80, related to false statements in application for passports. See section 1542 of Title 18.

Section 221, acts June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title IX, § 3, 40 Stat. 227; Mar. 28, 1940, ch. 72, § 7, 54 Stat. 80, related to unlawful use of passports. See section 1544 of Title 18.

Section 222, acts June 15, 1917, ch. 30, title IX, § 4, 40 Stat. 227; Mar. 28, 1940, ch. 72, § 7, 54 Stat. 80, related to forging or altering of passports. See section 1543 of Title 18.

§§ 223 to 229. Repealed. June 27, 1952, ch. 477, title IV, § 403(a)(15), (20), (43), 66 Stat. 279, 280

Section 223, acts May 22, 1918, ch. 81, § 1, 40 Stat. 559; June 21, 1941, ch. 210, § 1, 55 Stat. 252, related to wartime restrictions generally. See section 1185 of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality.

Section 224, act May 22, 1918, ch. 81, § 2, 40 Stat. 559, related to requirement of passport for citizens during wartime restrictions. See section 1185 of Title 8.

Section 225, acts May 22, 1918, ch. 81, § 3, 40 Stat. 559; June 21, 1941, ch. 210, § 2, 55 Stat. 253, related to penalty for violation of wartime restrictions. See section 1185 of Title 8.